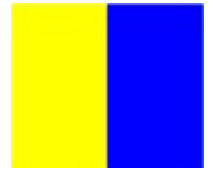
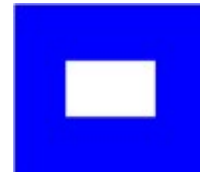
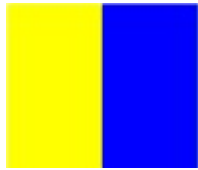
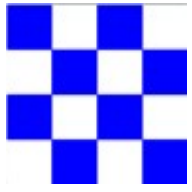


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Our 2024 National Reunion was held at Kings Bay , Georgia in conjunction with the 36th WWII Memorial ceremonies from October 24 to 27 , 2024.

Our Attendees were

Bob (QM 59-60) Acor and Carolyn

Bill (EM 60-62) Brinkman and Lin

Aden Brinkman (Bill & Lin's grandson)

Richard (QM 62-63) Clubb and Nancy

Lyle (TM 63) Gillette and Kathy

Ron Godwin (SO 58-61 and Ensign 66)

Hubert (EM 66-69) Jackson and Linda

Arnie (EM 61-63) Johnson and Eileen Vierow

Chuck (EM 63-65) Kilgore and Bobbie

John (ET 58-61) Love and Sharon

JJ (CS 59-62) Lynch and Sonja

Buster (QM 62-63) McCollum and Kaye

Joe (ET 62-63) Murdoch and Linda Machado

Jack (TM 61-63) Merrill and Sandra

John (QM 59-62) Snook and Annette

Joe Storz (EM 65) and Janna Lytle

Larry (MM 62-65) Weinfurter

USS Sea Owl SS 405:

Walt Deal (TM 62-65)

Roy Purtell (TM 66-69)

USS Kamehameha SSBN 642 Charles Goertz (ET)

Highlights of our Reunion

(See Newsletter “2024 SeptNL” for further Details)

1. **October 24** At the Kings Bay Base BBQ we presented our WWII Items to the St. Marys Submarine Museum , Keith Post , Director.

He asked us to again present our WWII Pennant at the October 25 WW II Memorial Ceremonies as our Periscope pennants is the first ever that the Museum has seen and now has.

2. **October 25** WWII Memorial Ceremonies.

We again presented our pennant at the end of all the other ceremonies. See the video of all of us USS Sea Poacher shipmates presenting our pennants.(Copy & paste)

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/05C0Q98OyfE>

3. **October 25** Our Banquet was held from 5 to 8:30 PM.

We had a catered meal , raffle for many items, and a business meeting which discussed a future National Reunion on a Cruise.

Later, we polled all our members, and there wasn't enough interest in having a cruise reunion.

4. **October 26** We were able to tour the
USS Florida SSGN 728 .

The crew of 150 has 40 women sailors. In my group of 7 visitors, 2 Nuclear Mechanics women sailors gave us the guided tour of 4 levels of the USS Florida.

Pictures were taken of us on tour, but so far, they haven't been released. I'll send them on when we get them.



**USS Sea Poacher Shipmates
October 25, 2024 Kings Bay ,GA**



USSVI Seapoacher Base members



**USS Sea Owl shipmates
Walt Deal
Bill Brinkman**



**Buster & Kaye
McCollom**



Aden Brinkman at St Marys Submarine Museum



Pearl Harbor Visit January 11 and 18 , 2025

Lin and I took Norwegian Cruise Lines ship the “ *Pride of America* “ from January 11 –18 , 2025.

Hawaii was my 50th US State I’ve now been to.

We booked a Pearl Harbor tour on January 11 with reservations to take the US Navy’s shuttle boat to visit the USS Arizona.

While at Pearl Harbor visiting the USS Bowfin submarine, I ran across Pat Householder , a USSVI member from Colorado. It was a minor miracle as both of us were on different cruise ships and only at Pearl for a few hours. Pat and I have been e-mailing each other for over 20 years , as he lets me know if any USS Sea Poacher shipmates have passed , from his USSVI records.

But, we’ve never meet in person before this chance meeting at Pearl!

Pat has also served with JJ Lynch and Jack Merrill.

At the end of the cruise on January 18 , we also booked a Honolulu & Pearl Harbor city tour . This time we had time to visit the two museums and watch the excellent Video.



Pat Householder and Bill Brinkman



USS Arizona BB 39 Memorial
USS Missouri BB 63





USS Bowfin SS 287
Japanese Kaiten Sub



In The Service

Fearn Returns to Florida

Richard L. Fearn, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Roberts of Port Angeles, has returned to Key West, Fla., aboard the submarine USS Sea Poacher.

The ship spent three months with NATO forces off the coast of Iceland and with the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. Among other ports it visited Rothesay, Scotland; Portland, England; Gibraltar; Athens and Patras, Greece; Cathania, Sicily and the Island of Malta.

Source: *Rochester Post* December 28, 1954

Thanks to Karl Schipper QM 58-60

But Recovers \$114—

Area Youth Loses \$120 to Hitchhiker

Dale Norman Fate, 18, of rural Claremont, a seaman apprentice aboard the submarine USS Sea Poacher, based at Key West, Fla., has an interesting story to tell his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon R. Fate, when he arrives home this week on leave.

The youth had \$120 stolen by a hitchhiker, then recovered \$114 and is now enroute home with the resolve never to pick up a stranger again. This particular stranger, it was learned later, has a Minnesota prison record for armed robbery.

Fate left Key West Saturday with a sailor friend from Madison, Wis., in the friend's car, and they picked up a hitchhiker before arriving at Miami Beach early Sunday.

Then, as they explained later to Detective Earl Mackey at Miami Beach, the trio decided to take a nap in the car. The hitchhiker, identified as Robert Arthur Lynch, 24, a piano player from International Falls, Minn., was disturbed however that police might find them sleeping in the car and that would be "bad" for him, a civilian.

Source: *Peninsula Daily News* December 30, 1957

Thanks to Karl Schipper QM 58-60

THREE TAKE NAP

He explained that he'd be jailed for vagrancy, since he had no money, and offered to keep Fate's money in his pocket. So the three took a nap. But when the Claremont sailor and his friend awoke at 8 a.m. Lynch was gone and so was the \$120. (The Associated Press dispatch from Miami does not explain whether Fate turned his money over to the hitchhiker or whether the latter slipped it from the sailor's pocket while he was asleep.)

After the theft was reported to the police, the authorities learned that the hitchhiker had taken a cab to Miami, checked in at a hotel and left five new \$20 bills with the clerk for safekeeping after changing one \$20 bill. Fate's money had consisted of six \$20 bills.

Lynch was found asleep in the hotel room and admitted taking the sailor's money. Lynch told the detective he had just been released from the Minnesota state prison after serving three years for armed robbery. (Records show that Lynch was sentenced to the prison in September, 1949, to a five to 40-year term for first degree robbery. He was placed under the supervision of the youth conservation commission and sent to the St. Cloud reformatory. He remained there until October, 1951, when he was paroled. He was discharged from parole in May, 1953.)

In Miami Beach, Judge Lawrence Hoffman ordered him to pay a fine of \$100 or serve 30 days for larceny by trick. He also gave him 15 days for failing to register as a criminal.

The Claremont sailor lost the cost of the hitchhiker's taxicab ride into Miami and his hotel room (totalling \$6), but reclaimed \$114 of his money and set out for home with his sailor friend from Madison after assuring the detective they would give strangers "a wide berth" on the trip north. He had originally planned to come home by train.

ENLISTED IN JULY

Fate's mother, when contacted by the Post-Bulletin this morning, said she expects her son home by tomorrow or Thursday for a 10-day leave before reporting back aboard the submarine, to which he was assigned in mid-October after completing boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. He enlisted in the navy in July this year through the Rochester navy recruiting station and was last home on leave in October. He is a former Dodge Center high school student.

Dale's brother, James, 20, as a private first class in the marines, has been in Japan the past two months, and in service since last January when he enlisted in Rochester through the marine recruiting station. James is a graduate of Claremont high school and his wife lives in Claremont.

The Fate farm home is four and one-half miles southeast of Claremont.

